

Second Preliminary Amendment
Divisional of USSN 09/917,897

REMARKS

In this Second Preliminary Amendment, claim 2 is amended and claims 19-24 are new.

The term "hardening" in claim 2 has been replaced with the term "crosslinking." This amendment is supported by the original specification at page 10, lines 18-32, describing various hardening agents that are in fact crosslinking agents.

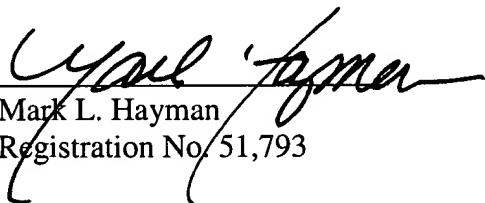
New claims 19-22 correspond to original claims 7-10.

New claims 23 and 24 are supported by the original specification at page 10, first full paragraph.

No new matter has been added.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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